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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR TREATING PAIN COMPRISING  
OXICARBAZEPINE, OR DERIVATIVES THEREOF, AND COX2  
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**MS: Amendment**

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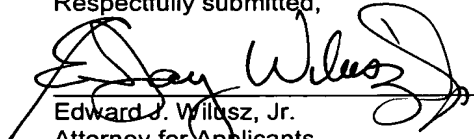
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